

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0041] with the following amended paragraph:

[0041] Cleaning pads 52 are shown as being cylindrical in shape with an axially disposed cylindrical opening for sliding of the cleaning pads onto the fingers 46-48. However, other shapes may be implemented, if desired. A variety of suitable materials may be used for the cleaning pads 52 including sponge-like material, fibrous material, cotton padding or the like. Any accumulations of dirt on the cleaning pads may be removed by separately washing each of the pads or by directing a stream of water onto each pad, such as from a faucet or pressure cleaning device. Ideally, the spacing between adjacent pairs of cleaning pads is sufficiently small that the slats of the window blinds may slide between the pads without so much resistance as to cause damage to the slats. For example, if sufficiently resilient, the cleaning pads may actually contact one another and still permit the slats to slide between the pads. A desirable objective is for the cleaning pads 52 to provide sufficient sliding contact with the slats of the blinds that dirt, stains and the like are removed from the slats by moving the head 50 in the direction of the slats, such as up and down when the slats 27 are vertically disposed, as shown in FIG. 1.

Please replace paragraph [0045] with the following amended paragraph:

[0045] FIG. 10 illustrates a representative upper finger 62 in greater detail. Finger 72 62 may consist of an

elongate tube which is closed or plugged at its distal end 74 and that is in fluid communication with a threaded fitting 68 at the other end. Cleaning fluid is thus distributed from the fitting 68, which attaches to manifold in FIGS. 5 and 12, to orifices 63. As with the orifices 36 in FIG. 1, the number of orifices 63, the size of the orifices, the spraying pattern of the orifices and the spacing between the orifices, depends upon various design choices.

Please replace paragraph [0047] with the following amended paragraph:

[0047] Returning to FIG. 6, a cleaning head 80 is shown with a plurality of fingers 82 disposed in a single row extend between adjacent slats ~~72~~ 27 for cleaning of a window blind, with one finger 82 extending between adjacent slats. Fingers 82 are mounted to the upper surface of a manifold by means of a threaded fastener 88. A manually operable valve 84 selectively controls the application of cleaning fluid through manifold 86 and through fingers 82 to the slats 27. In this embodiment, the cleaning head 80 is manually held at opposite ends of manifold 86 and moved up and down to clean vertically disposed slats of the window blind.